

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 23, and ending on page 4, line 4, as follows:

The above and related objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be more fully understood by reference to the following detailed description of the presently preferred, albeit illustrative, embodiments of the present invention when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing wherein:

FIG. 1 is a fragmentary top plan view of a preferred layout of overlapping flexible blankets to form a barrier according to the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a top plan view, to an enlarged scale, of a single blanket, with portions thereof removed to reveal details of internal construction; and

FIG. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view thereof taken along the lines 3-3 of FIG. 2;
and

FIG. 4 is a fragmentary sectional view of the seriatim assembly including, in ascending order, the substrate, the barrier, and the concrete slab.

Rewrite the two consecutive paragraphs beginning on page 8, line 14, and ending on page 9, line 3, as follows:

The substantial flexibility of the blanket enables it to be delivered to a construction site in a tight roll and to be so stored at the construction site prior to use. When used, the blanket conforms perfectly to the subsoil, around the foundation, and up to concrete or brick wall. The grommets enable the blankets to be staked down to a substrate or wooden framework, generally designated 40 (see FIG. 4), at the job site in

order to prevent them from being blown out of position by ambient winds, etc. The overlapping joints of the barrier provide a relatively attractive finish to the exterior at the construction site, prior to covering of the barrier, and avoid the unsightly appearance of the sealants. The staked-down barrier can be walked on without damage thereto, since there are essentially no voids beneath the blankets.

The substantially uniform thickness of the barrier enables a relatively even pour of concrete over the barrier 10 (see FIG. 4), thereby to form a concrete slab, generally designated 50, of substantially uniform strength. The overlapping of the edges provides both a very high R-V value and an effective barrier against liquid water, moisture vapor and optionally soil gases (e.g., radon, methane and the like). Aluminum flashing (thicker and more rigid than aluminum foil) may easily be installed over the barrier 10 since the overlapping edges of the blankets cause only a minor variation (typically not exceeding 1.5 inches, the blanket thickness) in the thickness of the barrier.